

Babies with Low Birth Rate	
SHIP website description	This indicator shows the percentage of live births that are a low birth weight (2500 grams or less). Babies born with a low birth weight are at increased risk for serious health consequences including disabilities and death. Low birth weight babies weigh less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds). Maryland's low birth weight percentage is higher than the national average.
Source	Maryland MDH Vital Statistics Administration (VSA) Annual Report
Numerator	Number of low birth weights (weight 2,499 grams or less)
Denominator	Number of live births from MDH Vital Statistics Administration
Threshold	5
Censorship (if below threshold)	Rate not reported if below threshold.
Calculation and metric	$(\text{Numerator}/\text{Denominator}) * 100 = \text{Single-year calculation}$
Race/ethnicity categories (on SHIP chart)	All races/ ethnicities (aggregated) Black Non-Hispanic Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Asian or Pacific Islander
Other	The methodology used to identify race in the HSCRC data files changed in 2013. Therefore, data reports in 2013 and beyond may not be comparable to data reports released in earlier years.